

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An output service system comprising:

at least one client including a personal computer for generating order information for ordering output of material data from a storage location in the personal computer; and

at least one output server for outputting the material data from the personal computer based on the order information provided from the client or clients,

the order information including a pointer for indicating ~~a~~ the storage location of the material data ~~other than the output server or output servers in~~ the personal computer; and

the output server or output servers obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location ~~other than the output server or output servers in~~ the personal computer based on the pointer included in the order information.

2. (ORIGINAL) An output service system as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a relay server existing between the at least one client and the at least one output server, the relay server selecting one of the at least one output server as an apparatus for outputting the material data according to the order

information from the at least one client and providing the order information to the selected server.

3. (ORIGINAL) An output service system as defined in Claim 2, wherein the relay server comprises servers at a plurality of steps.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An output service system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order information is provided to the output server or servers via a network.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An output service system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the order information is provided to the output server or servers by being recorded in a recording medium.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium storing order information for ordering output of material data stored in a personal computer of a client, the order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data, the pointer indicating the storage location of the material data in the personal computer of the client.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of outputting material data according to order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the order output method comprising the steps of:

obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

outputting the material data that have been obtained.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An order output apparatus for outputting material data according to order information including a pointer for indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the order output apparatus comprising:

acquisition means for obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

output means for outputting the material data that have been obtained.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute an order output method for outputting material data based on order information including a pointer for

indicating a storage location of the material data in a personal computer of a client, the program comprising the procedures of:

obtaining the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

outputting the material data that have been obtained.

10. (NEW) The output service system according to claim 1, further comprising:

an agency for receiving the order information and sending a receipt confirmation to the at least one client.

11. (NEW) The computer-readable recording medium storing order information according to claim 6,

wherein the order information enables an agency to send a confirmation of receipt of the order information to the personal computer of the client, and to then to assign the order information including the pointer to another party, the pointer indicating the storage location of the material data in the personal computer of the client.

12. (NEW) The method of outputting material data according to claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

providing an agency for receiving the order information, sending a confirmation of receipt to the client, and assigning the order information to another party;

obtaining the material data at the another party by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

outputting the material data that have been obtained at the another party.

13. (NEW) The order output apparatus for outputting material data according to claim 8, further comprising:

an agency for confirming receipt of the order information and then assigning the order information to the acquisition means for obtaining the material data.

14. (NEW) The computer-readable recording medium storing a program according to claim 9, the program further comprising the procedures of:

enabling an agency to send a confirmation of receipt of the order information to the client and to then to assign the order information to another party;

obtaining at the another party the material data by accessing the storage location in the personal computer of the client based on the pointer included in the order information; and

outputting the material data that have been obtained at the another party.